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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY**

To: Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

I, Michael S. Neustel, (41,221) hereby apply to withdraw as attorney for the above-identified patent application. This application for withdrawal will not prejudice the Applicant in this matter. Attorney has given due notice to the Applicant of his withdrawal and has delivered to the Applicant all papers/property in the Attorney's file concerning the prosecution of the application.

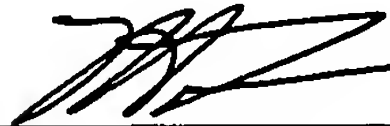
The reason(s) for this request are:

- ☐ Practitioner has been discharged by client.
- ☐ Client knowingly and freely assents to termination of the employment.
- ☐ Client has failed to pay one or more bills rendered by the practitioner for an unreasonable period of time.
- ☒ Client has failed to pay a retainer in advance of the performance of legal services and/or payment of USPTO fees.

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